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WEATHER REPORT.

Portland, Nov. 20.—Western Oregon, Western Washington.—Tuesday: Fair slowly rising temperatures except near the coast.
Eastern Washington, Eastern Oregon.—Fair and continued cold.

NOT YET TOO LATE.

The citizen's regime has one element of civic mismanagement to its discredit. It has permitted the City of Astoria to exceed its charter limit of indebtedness. It is several thousand dollars to the bad, not enough as yet to impeach its standing nor to vitiate the value of its warrants, but just enough to violate the principle of safety and open an avenue of injury that must be adversely answered. It is a dangerous attitude, and must be reversed; not by the reckless expedient of "opening the city" and enhancing its police revenues and debauching its public morale, but by an honest system of retrenchment in government expenditure all down the line. The Republicans intend to do this thing and to take the responsibility without question. An honest city is as good a thing as an honest man.

"SOW'S EAR" POLITICS.

"You cannot make a silk purse from a sow's ear." Nor can you make a decent, habitable, commendable place for homes and business of a city given over to the rule of its slums. The Democrats who are in charge of the "Citizen's" campaign have not yet to deny the soft impeachment of their purpose to do this very thing, and their denial has been so long coming, that its arrival now would be hailed with derision and disgust. It is an onerous task to lead a forlorn hope, but the ease and debonair style in which the Democrats plunged into the breach last Wednesday evening, precludes all doubt of their having done it unwittingly, and of their intention to stay with it to the end. They are wholly committed to the leadership and the only fighting slogan at their command, "OPEN UP THE TOWN."

SPARE THIS AT LEAST.

A way to check depredations and preserve Niagara Falls for all time seems open. The International Waterways Commission, which recently sat in Buffalo, recommended to the Governments of the United States and Canada that steps be taken to prevent the granting of corporate rights and franchises for the use of the waters of Niagara river until the commission could collect information and report fully on the matter. Our Attorney-General, in answer to the President, has suggested that, through an agreement between the United States and British Governments to treat the river, falls and rapids as under international jurisdiction, subordinating the rights of New York and Ontario to the National Governments, the end could be accomplished. As a matter of fact, the boundary line runs in the middle of the river and it should therefore be an international, not merely an interstate, matter. President Roosevelt will doubtless make some recommendations in his next message, and we may be sure they will be practical.

ELUSIVE STAPLE.

A wide variation has been witnessed in the price of cotton within the last fortnight, and when a permanent level will be found no man can say. The staple forms a magnificent market for the trader just at present—for, without a hint of news of any kind, a range of twenty points a day is not surprising. Notwithstanding the depression that occasionally ensues, the South is reluctant to believe that the staple is destined to settle down below the figure designated as a minimum by the Asheville convention. Walter Clark, president of the Mississippi division of the cotton association, advises the planters of his state to hold on for higher price and they will probably do so. The fight that the association determined upon is still being waged with vigor, with the ability of the planters to maintain their position dependent upon the volume of a crop not yet known.

INDUCEMENT WAS AMPLE.

It must have been made really worth the while of the Budget to abandon its serene and negative existence, and plunge into the vortex of political discussion. The abnormal and innocuous course it has followed so long, indeed ever since it fell out with its Democratic friends, has been quite a strain upon its readers, and the new departure is made, no doubt, to afford its clientele something to read besides the re-printed stuff from the Portland press that did not have to be credited to its proper source because everyone was aware of it as soon as it appeared in the cute little Evening Budget. All right, the more the merrier.

LOOK TO YOUR SHERIFF.

Unhappily it seems that President Roosevelt's earnest and forceful preaching against lynching is not to mark the disappearance of the practice. It is worthy of note that before the President had fairly left the South an atrocious crime of this sort had to be recorded in one of the states he visited, and now, before the echoes of his voice have fairly died away, comes word of an attempt at lynching in Georgia, which failed because one brave man did his duty, and of another in Texas, which succeeded because another sheriff proved a craven. It is becoming more and more evident that mere exhortation, no matter where or by whom, will not avail to abolish what is a national, not sectional, curse and disgrace. Appeals made to reason and justice too frequently fail. Those made to fear rarely or never do. It seems idle to tell people the twice told tale that lynching is morally wrong or to argue again and again that it is a social and political menace of the first magnitude. Lynching goes on just the same, and will go on until mob after mob and community after community has been made to realize that it is dangerous and that he who thus lawlessly seeks another's life is more than likely to forfeit his own. Communities that through wisdom or chance elect sheriffs who can and will shoot straight upon occasion will not be disgraced by mob violence.

SANS PEUR ET SANS REPROCHE.

The Republicans of Astoria have enough sins of omission and commission to answer for, one year with another. Heaven knows, but the consensus of its affront and misdemeanor bears no such strain as is now being perpetrated by the Democrats and their allies, namely, the subversion of the city to the wanton rule of the "Wide Open" crowd.

KINGLY SCRUB.

Complaint is made in Europe of the manner in which young Alfonso of Spain is seeking a bride, which strikes the impartial observers as being too much like the way a man would choose a horse. The juvenile monarch, for he is a good deal of a boy yet, is making a tour of inspection of the Catholic courts of Europe, which his quite public and the question is asked if it would not be possible to arrange the preliminaries of his probable marriage in a more delicate way, so as to save the feelings of the rejected princesses. Certainly no self-respecting parent of nobility, or any other walks of life, would permit such a proceeding in regard to his daughters, but possibly the glitter of a prospective crown may blind some of the princes and dukes to the decencies of life.

SCIPIO HAS THE FLOOR.

The San Bernardino Times-Index accuses the Redlands Citrograph of "professing umbrage." Fancy the radiant and rosyate Skippo Craig making an empty profession of anything. He is nothing less than umbrageous. He is a spruider and a reacher from away back, and a reformer for the fun of the thing. He is no idle professor. On the contrary Skip is the skippiest of all skippers. He prints the neatest paper in the state on a press alternately used for pressin' cider and baling hay, and he gets a good deal of gray matter in it too. He profess anything? Perish the thought.—Ex.

GAY WINTER WINDOW BOXES.

A Plan to Have Flowers All Winter—Why House Plants Are Killed.

Perhaps the best, most serviceable and artistic way to keep winter plants in window boxes, placed inside the window and about six to twelve inches from the glass. So far as the plants are concerned any box will do, provided it is well drained, but by all means have it made to fit the window. Paint it on the outside in any color appropriate to the surroundings. It should be six to eight inches wide and six inches deep, with several holes drilled in the bottom for drainage. A tray or tin pan of corresponding size should be provided to catch the water that soaks through, but the box should not be set down tightly into this. Allow enough space all round to admit free circulation of air. Small blocks of wood about an inch thick placed in the bottom of the pan will elevate the box sufficiently. I believe that this one thing is responsible for more deaths of house plants than all other neglect or mismanagement.—J. T. Scott in the Garden Magazine.

LEVY DENIES RUMOR.

Says Horn Will Not Retire from the Northern Pacific.

St. Paul, Nov. 19.—C. M. Levey, third vice president of the Northern Pacific, who is in St. Paul on one of his periodical trips, denied emphatically tonight the rumor that H. J. Horn, general manager of the Northern Pacific, was going to leave.

"There is absolutely no truth in the report at all," said Mr. Levey.

Asked concerning the letting of the contract for the extension between Grangeville and Lewiston, Idaho, Mr. Levey stated that nothing had been done as yet. The extension is an assumed fact, but the officials are still deliberating concerning the letting of the contract.

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When we look at Germany's new tariff, we can get some idea of how the United States tariff looks to the business men of other countries.

A Methodist bishop says that the future man will be part white and part black. That is what they are now if you knew them real well.

Investigation reveals the great truth that all the men in history or business who woke to find themselves famous did a lot of hard work before going to bed.

Son Lost Mother.

"Consumption runs in our family, and through it I lost my mother," writes E. B. Reid, of Harmony, Me. "For the past five years however, on the slightest sign of a cough of cold I have taken Dr. King's New Discovery for Consumption which has saved me from serious lung trouble." His mother's death was a sad loss to Mr. Reid, but he learned that lung trouble must not be neglected, and how to cure it. Quickest relief and cure for coughs and colds Price 50c and \$1.00; guaranteed at Charles Rogers' drug store. Trial bottle free.

And married a pretty girl he said,
That he was poor
Made her mamma soor,
He was chased back home by his father-in-lac.

A millionaire in New York who has recently given \$100,000 to charity has applied and granted a pension as an old soldier. He will receive \$12 a month.

Cured Consumption.

Mrs. B. W. Evans, Clearwater, Kans., writes: "My husband lay sick for three months. The doctors said that he had quick consumption.

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The drainage channel has cost to date nearly \$50,000,000. It cost \$5000 to get out a report telling how the money was expended. Nearly \$100,000 was spent in the legal department.

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